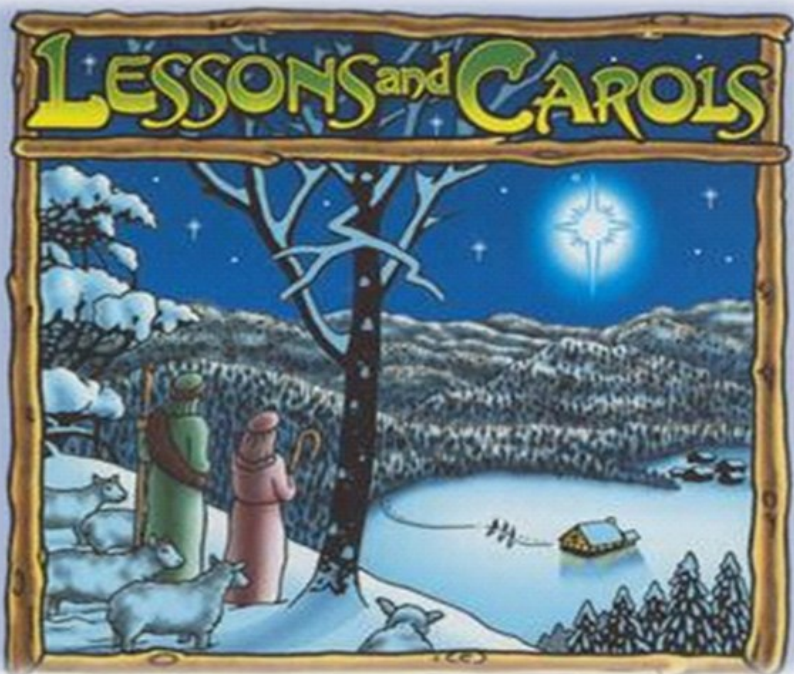


THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD, HASTINGS
& ROSENEATH



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17TH, 2023~ 9:00 AM

The Story in Which We Belong

Processional Hymn: # 91
PEOPLE. LOOK EAST! THE TIME IS NEAR BESANCON

Welcome

Leader: In Advent we remember that we are waiting.
All: **We are waiting for Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Leader: We are waiting for Christmas to remember Jesus' birth
All: **and are waiting for Christ's return.**

Leader: We are waiting for Christ our Judge
All: **and for Christ who is our Saviour.**

Leader: We are waiting amidst the pain of this world
All: **and waiting for the renewed world that is to come.**

Leader: We are waiting as lights on a hill.
All: **We are heralds of Christ's Kingdom now.
Shine from us O Jesus Christ, Light the world.**

✠ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Jillian & Aaron Valentine

Reader Last Sunday the candle of peace was lit. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring to the world everlasting peace.

(Light the Candles of Hope, and Peace.)

The third candle of Advent is the Candle of Joy. It reminds us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel

Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her; a child who would save and deliver his people.

God wants us all to have joy. The angel who announced to the shepherds that Jesus had been born told them: "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people for to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord."

All: We light this candle to remember that Christ brings the promise of a new life a life in which the blind receive sight, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free. We light it to remember that He is the one who brings true and everlasting joy.

A moment of silent reflection is observed

Leader Let us pray.

All Father, you called Mary to be the mother of your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to new birth. Help us also bring the light of Christ to birth wherever there is darkness and despair, and to work for the coming of your Kingdom. Amen.

A moment of silent reflection is observed.

Please stand



BELOVED in Christ, at this Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the promise of a Messiah to the story of His birth unto the glorious

Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this our diocese.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(said)*

Leader: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn # 88
COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS STUTTGART

First Lesson:
Isaiah 9:2-7

Jim Peeling
Christ's birth and Kingdom are foreshown by the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem HAIL! BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Second Lesson: Micah 5:2-5

Irene Fulton

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the

strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 120 **O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** ST. LOUIS

Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Mary Lou Steinmann

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has

also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 89
O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL VENI EMMANUEL

Choir Anthem: SANS DAY CAROL

Fourth Lesson:
Luke 2:1-7

Neil Fulton

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn
125 INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY POLISH CAROL
126 AWAY IN A MANGER CRADLE SONG

Choir Anthem: SHEPHERDS LOUD THEIR PRAISES SINGING

Fifth Lesson:
Luke 2:8-16

Joy Goemans

The shepherds go to the manger.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 136
WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS
WINCHESTER OLD

Choir Anthem NATIVITY CAROL

Sixth Lesson:
Matthew 2:1-12

Nancy DeKuyper

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their

treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn
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(See Insert)

Choir Anthem: THIS NEW CHRISTMAS CAROL

Seventh Lesson:
John 1:1-14

Doug Harpur

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Please Stand

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his

name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

Offertory Hymn # 139
THE FIRST NOWELL THE FIRST NOWELL

Leader: Gracious God,
All: by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem: STAR CAROL
MASTERS IN THIS HALL

BLESSING

Recessional Hymn: # 118 (VS 1-4)
O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL ADESTE FIDELES



Leader: Go in hope, the Lord is coming.
All: Thanks be to God. Maranatha!

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th, Holy Communion

St. George, Hastings ~ 4pm

Christ Church, Campbellford ~ 7pm



The Parish of Campbellford, Hastings and Roseneath invite s you to join us in our Christmas Service, so that we can all worship together, and by the way bring a friend.

Christmas Eve Service December 24th, 2023 7PM
Holy Communion ~ Rev. Bryce Sangster

Readings		
ISAIAH 62:6-12	PSALM 97	TITUS 3:4-7
LUKE 2:1-20		

Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.

Please note that the Christ Church Office will be closed on December 22 to the 27th and January 2

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